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SPRING SOWS IN 10 STATES UP 8 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the spring of 1961 (December through May) for 10 of the Corn Belt States at 5,524,000 head is 8 percent more than the same period in 1960 but 9 percent below the 1950-59 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. All 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas) show an increase in spring farrowings compared with a year earlier. The increases range from 3 percent in Wisconsin to 23 percent in Nebraska. An increase of 20 percent is indicated for Kansas, 17 percent in South Dakota, 8 percent in Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio, 7 percent in Iowa and Indiana, and 4 percent in Illinois. The March 1 survey shows an increase of 2 percent (98,000 head) from the spring farrowing intentions reported for these States as of December 1, 1960. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 75 percent of the 1960 United States pig crop.

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY FARROWINGS UP 8 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during December, January, and February totaled 1,831,000 head, 8 percent more than during the same period a year earlier and 28 percent more than average. These farrowings represent 33 percent of the December-May expected total, the same as a year earlier. The 10-year average is 23 percent. On December 1, 1960 farmers intended to increase December-February farrowings 8 percent, the same increase as is now reported for this period. The number of sows farrowed in December was up slightly compared with a year earlier, but most of the increase in December-February farrowings occurred in January and February.

MARCH-MAY INTENDED FARROWINGS UP 8 PERCENT:

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in March, April, and May this year in the 10 States total 3,693,000 head, 8 percent more than a year earlier but 21 percent below average. Increases from a year earlier were indicated by all 10 States ranging from 2 percent in Wisconsin to 29 percent in Kansas. The March 1 intentions for these months are 3 percent or 97,000 head greater than the intentions reported in December.

JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS UP 5 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,387,000 sows to farrow during the 1961 summer quarter (June through August) for the 10 States. This is an increase of 5 percent or 116,000 sows from the 2,271,000 that farrowed during

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the same period in 1960 and is 19 percent above the June-August 10-year average. Seven of the 10 States indicate an increase in farrowings for this quarter. Intended increases are 20 percent in Kansas, 19 percent in South Dakota, 10 percent in Iowa and Nebraska, 5 percent in Missouri, 4 percent in Ohio, 3 percent in Indiana, while Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota show no change.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS IN 10 STATES UP 4 PERCENT:

The number of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 1961 in the 10 States totaled 40,790,000 head. This was 4 percent larger than the 39,318,000 head a year earlier, with 8 of the 10 States showing increases, one State unchanged, and one with fewer hogs. Hogs and pigs 6 months old and over totaled 13,512,000 head, 3 percent less than a year earlier. (Revised quarterly estimates for June 1, September 1, and December 1, 1960 are shown on page 5 of this report.)

The number of hogs and pigs under 6 months of age in the 10 States was 8 percent larger than on March 1, 1960. There was a 9 percent increase in the number under 3 months of age and a 6 percent increase in the 3-6 month age group. Indications point to about the same number of pigs saved per litter for the December-February period as a year earlier. The 12,951,000 pigs under 3 months of age in the 10 States accounted for 32 percent of all hogs and the 14,327,000 head in the 3-6 month age group represented 35 percent of the total.

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February 1/				March through May			
	Average 1950-59	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960	Average 1950-59	1960	1961 2/	1960 as % of 1960
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	133	127	137	108	242	194	210	108
Ind.	264	280	286	102	320	264	296	112
Ill.	236	318	330	104	700	549	572	104
Wis.	72	92	97	105	248	186	189	102
Minn.	100	135	162	120	520	337	348	103
Iowa	324	398	452	114	1,530	1,112	1,164	105
Mo.	162	165	172	104	334	277	305	110
S.Dak.	24	36	42	117	288	189	221	117
Nebr.	67	86	95	110	366	224	286	128
Kans.	44	54	58	107	102	79	102	129
Total 10 States	1,426	1,691	1,831	108	4,650	3,411	3,693	108

State	December through May 1/				June through August			
	Average 1950-59	1960	1961 3/	1961 as % of 1960	Average 1950-59	1960	1961 2/	1961 as % of 1960
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	375	321	347	108	159	165	172	104
Ind.	584	544	582	107	328	326	336	103
Ill.	936	867	902	104	329	409	409	100
Wis.	319	278	286	103	108	131	131	100
Minn.	620	472	510	108	183	219	219	100
Iowa	1,854	1,510	1,616	107	538	602	660	110
Mo.	495	442	477	108	197	206	216	105
S.Dak.	313	225	263	117	44	59	70	119
Nebr.	433	310	381	123	81	104	114	110
Kans.	146	133	160	120	44	50	60	120
Total 10 States	6,076	5,102	5,524	108	2,010	2,271	2,387	105

1/ December preceding year.
2/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.
3/ Sum of December through February farrowings and March through May intentions to farrow.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes March 1, Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months			3 to 6 months		
	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	865	920	106	991	1,064	107
Ind.	2,010	2,056	102	1,555	1,664	107
Ill.	2,180	2,300	106	2,520	2,510	100
Wis.	630	658	104	612	579	95
Minn.	980	1,160	118	900	1,040	116
Iowa	2,920	3,310	113	3,815	4,080	107
Mo.	1,110	1,180	106	1,550	1,620	105
S.Dak.	244	285	117	289	370	128
Nebr.	590	680	115	800	915	114
Kans.	357	402	113	422	485	115
Total 10 States	11,886	12,951	109	13,454	14,327	106

State	Total under 6 months			6 months and older			All hogs and pigs		
	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	1,856	1,984	107	656	654	100	2,512	2,638	105
Ind.	3,565	3,720	104	1,492	1,539	103	5,057	5,259	104
Ill.	4,700	4,810	102	2,357	2,247	95	7,057	7,057	100
Wis.	1,242	1,237	100	571	540	95	1,813	1,777	98
Minn.	1,880	2,200	117	1,284	1,185	92	3,164	3,385	107
Iowa	6,735	7,390	110	4,820	4,627	96	11,555	12,017	104
Mo.	2,660	2,800	105	1,120	1,018	91	3,780	3,818	101
S.Dak.	533	655	123	522	548	105	1,055	1,203	114
Nebr.	1,390	1,595	115	837	855	102	2,227	2,450	110
Kans.	779	887	114	319	299	94	1,098	1,186	108
Total 10 States	25,340	27,278	108	13,978	13,512	97	39,318	40,790	104

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes June 1, September 1, and December 1, 1960
Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months			3 to 6 months		
	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	1,376	1,198	1,160	854	1,255	1,131
Ind.	1,866	2,360	1,610	1,950	1,750	2,220
Ill.	3,765	2,840	2,600	2,060	3,340	2,635
Wis.	1,290	832	690	577	1,183	705
Minn.	2,390	1,510	1,140	920	2,050	1,450
Iowa	7,895	4,235	4,165	2,890	7,595	4,150
Mo.	1,915	1,400	1,766	1,020	1,640	1,300
S.Dak.	1,325	392	408	225	1,210	388
Nebr.	1,565	705	975	550	1,490	670
Kans.	550	340	500	340	510	324
Total 10 States	23,937	15,812	15,014	11,386	22,023	14,973

State	Total under 6 months			6 months and older			All hogs and pigs		
	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	2,230	2,453	2,291	626	587	697	2,856	3,040	2,988
Ind.	3,816	4,110	3,830	1,180	1,474	1,311	4,996	5,584	5,141
Ill.	5,825	6,180	5,235	1,700	1,520	2,567	7,525	7,700	7,802
Wis.	1,867	2,015	1,395	429	509	673	2,296	2,524	2,068
Minn.	3,310	3,560	2,590	834	811	1,373	4,144	4,371	3,963
Iowa	10,785	11,830	8,315	3,468	2,562	5,401	14,253	14,392	13,716
Mo.	2,935	3,040	3,066	1,075	922	1,284	4,010	3,962	4,350
S.Dak.	1,550	1,602	796	317	244	762	1,867	1,846	1,558
Nebr.	2,115	2,195	1,645	708	525	1,167	2,823	2,720	2,812
Kans.	890	850	824	302	285	425	1,192	1,135	1,249
Total 10 States	35,323	37,835	29,987	10,639	9,439	15,660	45,962	47,274	45,647

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